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## Bills to Defund PP

The House of Representatives voted for a resolution supporting the de-funding of Planned Parenthood while an investigation continues into the abortion provider having broken federal laws banning the profit off of human body parts harvested during abortions, changes in abortion procedures in order to harvest body parts, the use of illegal “partial-birth abortion” techniques to harvest body parts, and the refusal of medical care to infants who survive abortion attempts.

The House voted 241 to 185 for the resolution, with 238 Republicans voting for the bill to defund the Planned Parenthood abortion business and 3 Democrats joining them.

Lawmakers also passed a bill in a 248-177 vote creating penalties on abortion doctors who do not try to save babies born alive after an abortion.

These bills still have to pass the Senate, and if they do, President Obama has promised to veto them both.

## Man Recovers from Blood Cancer after Adult Stem Cell Transplant



On October 5, the Charlotte Lozier Institute, released a new video which tells the story of 67-year-old Bill Bourland, who was diagnosed with a life-threatening blood cancer called Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS). Thanks to his wife’s determination, a fortuitous meeting with a neighbor, a doctor experienced with adult stem cell treatment, and the generosity of his brother, Bill has received a second chance at life with a clean bill of health.

Many others like Bill are currently being treated with ethical non-controversial adult stem cell transplants, which do not require the destruction of a human life for the healing of another.

Watch the video here:

<http://www.stemcellresearchfacts.org/bill-bourland-rescued-from-can/>



A ‘For Rent’ sign now sits outside where Planned Parenthood St. David’s used to operate. The facility shut down on September 11; making it the third closure for the abortion giant in the state since 2013.

Planned Parenthood has also closed their Carlisle (June 2013) and Collegeville (October

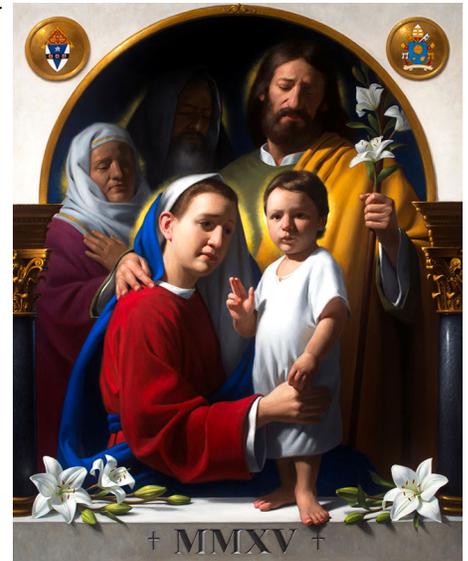
2013) locations. All three of these former facilities were “feeder” sites – a conduit to Pennsylvania’s eleven Planned Parenthood sites performing abortion surgery.

This brings the total up to NINE Pennsylvania closings of abortion facilities since 2012.  
PA Family Institute 9/25/15

## Icon for the World Meeting of Families Depicts Jesus' “Extended Family”

Neilson Carlin is an award-winning artist, and his icon of “The Holy Family” has become the symbol for the World Meeting of Families.

“The Holy Family” is a 40” by 60” oil on canvas and includes Jesus’ extended family—Mary and Joseph, along with his grandparents Anna and Joachim. Carlin created the image not in the angular style common in Eastern icons, but as a Western-style painting. Jesus is clothed in white and is portrayed as a toddler, perhaps two years old. His hand, raised in a blessing, is the focal point at the center of the painting.



Carlin's icon appears on the website and printed materials for the World Meeting of Families. Last year in Rome, a print of the icon was presented to the Holy Father by Philadelphia's Archbishop Charles Chaput; and Carlin reports that the print now hangs in the offices of the Pontifical Council for the Family.  
National Catholic Register 9/25/15



### Pope Francis Meets With Little Sisters of the Poor to Protest Obama Forcing Them to Obey HHS Mandate

In Washington D.C., Pope Francis decided to meet with the Little Sisters of the Poor, the religious order that sued the Obama Administration over the president's HHS mandate. In 2012, the sisters filed a lawsuit citing religious freedom concerns since it forces them to pay for birth control and drugs that may cause abortions, which is in direct violation of their religion. LifeNews.com 9/24/15

### California Gov. Jerry Brown Signs Dangerous Bill to Become 4th State to Legalize Assisted Suicide

California Governor Jerry Brown signed a dangerous bill October 5, to make the state the 4th to legalize assisted suicide, following Oregon, Washington and Vermont. In his signing message, Brown said he signed the bill because he wouldn't want to be in pain in his final days regardless of the fact that pain relief is readily available without killing patients.



<http://www.lifenews.com/2015/10/05/california-gov-jerry-brown-signs-dangerous-bill-to-become-4th-state-to-legalize-assisted-suicide/>

### Payday Lending Hurts Families

Payday loans appear (and are marketed as) simple and straightforward: a consumer has a need for an immediate source of money before the next paycheck. In most instances, however, payday loans are made in a way that make it almost impossible for borrowers to repay in the required timeframe, requiring them to take on more debt. The typical borrower 'rolls over' a loan an average of eight times and pays an interest rate of about 400%. Most borrowers take out payday loans to pay for basic needs, not for unexpected emergencies or to splurge.

The [Catechism of the Catholic Church](#) condemns usury, and points out that exploiting people living in poverty is theft (#2269).

To combat predatory banking practices, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, as the domestic antipoverty program of the Catholic Bishops of the United States, funds organizations throughout the country that develop alternative sources of credit for low-income working people and families. More information about these programs can be found at [povertyusa.org](http://povertyusa.org).

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/poverty/domestic/predatory-payday-lending-background.cfm>

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### Europe Bans Animal Cloning, But Human Cloning Has Not Been Banned

The genetic manipulation of human IVF embryos is set to start in Britain for the first time following a license application by scientists who want to understand why some women suffer repeated miscarriages. Meanwhile, the European Parliament voted to ban the cloning of all farm animals as well as the sale of cloned livestock, their offspring, and products derived from them.

9/24/15 Center for Bioethics and Culture



### As Synod Starts, Pope Affirms Marriage Between a Man and a Woman Is the Foundation of the Family

"This is God's dream for his beloved creation: to see it fulfilled in the loving union between a man and a woman, rejoicing in their shared journey, fruitful in their mutual gift of self," the Pope said

Pope Francis' comments were made during his Oct. 4 Mass marking the official opening of this year's Ordinary Synod of Bishops on the Family.

The Church is also called to defend "the sacredness of life, of every life" and is committed to "defending the unity and indissolubility of the conjugal bond."

He said the Church's mission must be carried out in truth, which doesn't change with passing fads or popular opinions. Truth, the Pope said, "protects individuals and humanity as a whole from the temptation of self-centeredness and from turning fruitful love into sterile selfishness, faithful union into temporary bonds."

National Catholic Register 10/4/15